

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 4/15/09, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.
Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Mike Rademacher, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Non-members Present: Bob Radochia, Michael Natoli, Carlene Hempel

1. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
2. Administration.
Meeting minutes of 3/11/09 approved unanimously.
Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
3. CVS Issues. The ARB approved the special permit for CVS at 821 Mass. Ave. Traffic mitigation that was included in the special permit conditions were:
 - a. Installation of bump-outs and thermo-plastic crosswalks on Mass. Ave. at Carey Drive and at Bartlett St.
 - b. Town will measure traffic volume 6 and 12 months after occupancy, and may require additional mitigation.
 - c. CVS will contribute \$50,000 to a traffic mitigation escrow account for post construction monitoring and mitigation around the site, and/or improvements at Jason/Mass. Ave./Mill Streets.Laura reported that the ARB wished to thank the TAC for all its assistance with this matter.
4. Schools.
 - a. Bishop School. Bob Radochia (45 Columbia Road) said that some of the signage is not in the right place. Mike thinks it isn't quite finished. He will follow up with DPW sign workers.
 - b. Hardy School. Scott reported that the bike riding pilot program has started. The Safe Routes Committee would like to see Hardy have a school zone.
 - c. Dallin School. The signs are almost ready for installation. Still waiting for Safe Routes consultant's report. Jeff will follow up.
5. Capitol Square Parking Utilization Study. Laura reported that the Planning Department is in the midst of a Commercial Revitalization Study for the Town, that includes some research and recommendations on parking. We are focusing this section of the report on East Arlington, to coordinate with other proposed changes. Ed has done some parking utilization studies. Further discussion was postponed until Ed could be present.
6. Peirce School. Elisabeth reported on recommendation. Summer Street is not within the School zone, so school zone signage is not permitted. Members of the Working Group, Carlene Hempel and Michael Natoli were present. Carlene said that they wanted to add some signs on Summer Street to warn people that they were near a school. Playground signs were suggested as a possibility.
Board voted unanimously to approve "Peirce School Phase 1B Recommendations for TAC Vote", conditioned on contacting owner of #56 Blossom Street, and researching sign possibilities for Summer Street.
7. Downing Square. Mike reported that the traffic study looked at 7 or 8 options. The study suggested that signals and directional changes were not warranted. Recommendations were for tightening the curb radii, and including conduits for possible future signalization. Cost of improvement is roughly \$300,000. DPW wants to move forward

- with design, even though a source of funding is not yet identified. Recommendations need to go to Selectmen.
8. Appleton Place. Mike presented a short term plan, to be in place until the Ottoson gets a full School Zone study. The plan includes 3 signs that prohibit parking opposite driveways. **Board voted unanimously to approve plan**, as marked "Figure 1—Appleton Place Proposed Signage".
 9. Chestnut Street Pedestrian Light. Scott reported, this will be added to the list for thermoplastic crosswalk.
 10. Crosswalk at Lahey on Broadway. Scott will observe and make a recommendation.
 11. Westminster. Elisabeth reported that the Arlington and Lexington Selectmen have not yet met regarding changes to the intersection where Westminster St originates in Lexington.
 12. Park Ave. and Paul Revere Street. Mike reported that he will look at the intersection for next meeting.
 13. Germaine Lawrence. Jeff and John reported that preliminary information gathering indicates that Germaine Lawrence is not creating a parking problem in the neighborhood. There appears to be plenty of on-street parking. Day Care Center located at corner of Park Ave. and Wollaston has about 10 staff who park on the Street. There may also be some commuter parking as well as employees from the businesses in Arlington Heights. Report will be forthcoming.
 14. Mass. Corridor update. Laura reported that there have been additional community meetings hosted by the Selectmen due to lingering opposition to the project. Main objections seem to be reduction of lanes, and impacts during construction. Suggestion was made to do a demonstration with paint and cones.
 15. Town News.
 - a. Laura reported that the Planning Department is working on a Business Center Revitalization Study, and she and Ed are involved in the traffic and parking sections. She distributed copies of the Alewife Access Study, prepared by MAPC and covering pedestrian and bicycle access issues. Scott will make comments.
 - b. Mike reported that there will be another public meeting on Forest Street. The Gas Company has committed to replacing their lines during construction. Water main replacement on Washington Street is also imminent.
 16. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 4/15/09; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr, dated April 1, 2009, "Recommendations for Winter Street/Oxford Street"; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr, dated April 1, 2009, "Request for Pedestrian Crosswalk at the Cusack Building, 8 Summer Street"; Email from Thomas Ehbrecht, 73 Dickson Ave. dated April 5, 2009, RE. Sidewalks for Stratton School/Dickson Avenue", Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups", dated 4/15/09, "Project Status", 4/15/09, "Weekend Parking Utilization—Capitol Square", "Issues and Plan for Requested Light at Chestnut/Medford".

Minutes of 3/11/09

Peirce School Phase 1B Recommendations for TAC Vote, April 15, 2009

Westminster, Mt. Gilboa Project Update, April 15, 2009

Minutes of April 7 Neighborhood Meeting RE: Mass. Ave. Redesign (Notes taken by residents), as sent to Laura Wiener on 4/15/09

Figure 1—Appleton Place Proposed Signage

Topic: Germaine Lawrence School parking, TAC Draft Recommendation, April 3, 2009